

2. Summary of Public Review Process

2.1 Notice of Completion and Draft EIR Distribution

The EIR process for the Chevron Richmond Long Wharf Marine Terminal Lease Consideration Project began with publication of a Notice of Preparation by the CSLC in November 1998. The CSLC held a public and agency scoping meeting in the city of Richmond, California on December 10, 1998, to solicit comments on the scope of the EIR.

Preparation of the Draft EIR was on hold for approximately three-years while the city of Richmond commissioned a feasibility study of Bay Trail routes to Point Molate which would potentially involve the Chevron Refinery shoreline property. A second delay occurred while the CSLC was preparing and finalizing the Marine Oil Terminal Engineering and Maintenance Standards (MOTEMS) which were approved by the California Building Standards Commission on January 19, 2005, and became effective on February 6, 2006. MOTEMS are codified as CCR Title 24, Part 2, Chapter 31F (Marine Oil Terminals). The standards apply to all existing and new marine oil terminals in California, and include criteria for inspection, structural analysis and design, mooring and berthing, geotechnical considerations, fire, piping, mechanical and electrical systems. Several sections of the Draft EIR address issues and incorporate the requirements of MOTEMS.

The Draft EIR was released for public review in February 2006, and consisted of a detailed analysis of impacts in 13 environmental disciplines. A summary of public involvement opportunities during the CEQA process is presented below. A list of persons, organizations, and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, the comments received on the Draft EIR, and responses to the comments are provided in Section 3 of this Finalizing Addendum.

2.2 Public Hearing

In February 2006, the CSLC sent Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR to involved agencies and parties interested in the proposed Project. The Notice summarized the conclusions of the Draft EIR and included information on how to access the Draft EIR. It also presented the date, time, and location of the public hearing on the Draft EIR.

Public Hearing

Following the release of the Draft EIR, the 45-day public review period closed on April 13, 2006, the CSLC held two public hearings on March 9, 2006, at the city of Richmond City Council Chambers. At this hearing, the public was given the opportunity to ask

questions about the EIR and its contents and present oral and/or written testimony on the Draft EIR and its contents. The CSLC's decision-making process was also explained at the Public Hearing.

EIR Information and Repository Sites

Placing CEQA documents in “repository” sites can be an effective way of providing ongoing information about the project to a large number of people. Therefore, six repository sites in the vicinity of the proposed Project were established, and documents are also available at the CSLC in Sacramento. EIR-related documents including the Draft EIR and Finalizing Addendum have been made available upon their release to the public at the locations listed below.

Richmond Public Library Main Branch 325 Civic Center Plaza Richmond, CA 94804 (925) 620-6561	Contra Costa Public Library Attn: Documents Unit 1750 Oak Park Blvd. Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 (925) 927-3246	CSLC, Attn: Valerie Van Way 100 Howe Avenue, Ste.100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-1900 vanwayv@slc.ca.gov
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Public Review Period

In compliance with the State CEQA Guidelines, the CSLC provided a public review period of 45 days for the Draft EIR. The CSLC allowed written comments on the Draft EIR to be submitted by mail, at the public hearings, via facsimile transmission, via e-mail, and in person.

The comments received by the CSLC during the public review period and at the Public Hearing are reproduced in this Finalizing Addendum along with responses to comments (Section 3).